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X	US 2,070,578 A (BOWMAN) 16 February 1937 (16.02.1937), figure, col. 1, line 13 to col. 2, line 6	1, 2
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